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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: THICKENING COMPOSITION HAVING  
IMPROVED VISCOSITY-EMERGING  
PROPERTY

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.1164**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated August 20, 2009, and in conjunction with the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) being filed concurrently, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.